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DEPT believes dispersion Guatemalan Communist asylees this hemisphere certain to create serious problems because will strengthen Commie organizations in receiving countries and because dispersed asylees will work for overthrow anti-Communist Guatemalan GOVT. Gravity problem indicated by resort to diplomatic asylum of several hundred members Arbenz regime in Embassies Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Costa Rica and El Salvador.

DEPT feels optimum solution above problem would involve:

(1) Those asylees found guilty of crimes be tried and imprisoned in Guatemala. Embassy Guatemala should advise whether under Guatemalan Law an asylee can be classified as common criminal not entitled to safe conduct where, aside from membership Communist Party, he is convicted of having been covert Moscow agent. If so, safe conducts can be refused some asylees against whom no other criminal charges could be sustained.

(2) Asylees not chargeable with crimes but considered particularly dangerous to new Government be given safe conducts conditioned they go to Russia. Embassy Guatemala advise whether Guatemalan interpretation

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interpretation doctrine asylum permits such condition.

(3) Asylees not chargeable with crimes and considered relatively harmless be granted safe conducts conditioned they go to countries sufficiently remote to nullify attempts to intrigue effectively against government. This raises doctrinaire question mentioned preceding paragraph.

DEPT recognizes disposition asylees is problem for solution through negotiations between Guatemala and host governments. However suggest Embassy Guatemala discreetly foster solutions suggested. Pending answer to questions directed Embassy Guatemala other addressee Embassies should convey to government our concern regarding problem defined first paragraph, emphasizing that traditional solution allowing dispersal asylees violates inter-American resolutions opposing travel Communist agents and ~~ignores~~ ignores/new and ~~crucial~~ crucial element of International Communism presented e.

To diminish pressure for quick solution exerted by crowded conditions host embassies, Embassy Guatemala should consider advisability suggesting government offer suitable building in which host governments can pay for maintenance asylees under hygienic conditions. Solution permits more intense police vigilance than desirable around embassy friendly government.

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